JUL 2 3 1998 S

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

8/12/98

In re the Application of:

Barkats et al.

Group Art Unit: 1632

Serial No.:

08/776,786

Examiner: S. D. Priebe

Filed:

May 1, 1997

For:

ADENOVIRUS COMPRISING A GENE CODING FOR GLUTATHIONE

PEROXIDASE

To:

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR § 1.8a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Paula L. Dickey

(Type or print name of person mailing paper)

Date: July 21, 1998

(Signature of person mailing paper)

REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.115

This responds to the Office Action mailed January 21, 1998. A petition for extension of time is attached hereto to extend the time period for response to the Office action for three months until July 21, 1998. Applicants request respectfully reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections in light of the following amendment and remarks.

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

RECFIVED
JUL 28 1998

GROUP 1800

In the Specification:

151

On page 1, before the first line of text please insert

--This application is a 371 of International Application PCT/FR95/01002, filed July 26, 1995, and which designated the United States.--

On page 2, line 28 through page 3, line 1 delete "precisely consists in the development of" and insert therefore --directed to--.